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Nomination Period Begins for BLM's New Mexico Resource Advisory Council

The BLM is calling for nominations for the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) to fill terms expiring this year. The RAC provides advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands.

The 15-member New Mexico RAC is filling positions for 5 expiring terms. Appointed RAC membership is balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. There are vacancies in all three categories.

Category 1: Holders of Federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

Category 2: Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation, and wild horse and burro groups;

Category 3: Holders of State, county, or local elected office; employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources; members of an Indian Tribe; academicians involved in natural sciences; and the public at large.

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